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JUDGE:

RE: Speaking Invitation

Hugh O'Brien International Leadership Conference

St. Louis, Missouri

4 August 1988

On behalf of Bill Danforth and the other members of Hugh O'Brien International Leadership (HOBY), Charles Knight has invited you to address the 1988 HOBY Conference on 4 August in St. Louis. The meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel in St. Louis. You are requested to participate in a panel with US Attorney General for the Eastern Region, Tom Dittmeier, and Prosecuting Attorney for the city of St. Louis, George Peach. The suggested format is for each of you to give 15 - 20 minutes of remarks followed by a question and answer period. The suggested topic is "Crime: An International Dilemma." You could expect an audience of 250 in attendance, including 180 high school sophomores. Chief Justice Warren Burger is invited to speak at another session of the meeting. The media will not be invited to cover the conference. Although Mr. Knight mentioned in his letter that you had been asked previously to address one of their conferences, there was no record of this in the FBI's or Agency's files.

The date of the HOBY Conference, 4 August, could conflict with any August vacation plans that you might have. In addition, the ABA Conference which you may wish to attend is scheduled from 4 - 11 August in Toronto. I recommend that you decline this invitation and have attached a letter of regret for your signature.

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Mr. Charles F. Knight Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Emerson Electric Co. 8000 W. Florissant P.O. Box 4100 St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Dear Chuck:

I appreciated your invitation to participate in the HOBY Conference on August 4th in St. Louis. Unfortunately, I will not be free on that date. However, I do send my congratulations to the outstanding sophomores who have been chosen to attend the conference. Thank you for thinking of me again, and please give my regards to Bill Danforth.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence

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February 1, 1988

Mr. William H. Webster Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

On behalf of Bill Danforth and the other St. Louis members of Hugh O'Brien International Leadership (HOBY), it is my pleasure to invite you to address the 1988 HOBY Conference on August 4, 1988 at the Clarion Hotel in St. Louis.

In prior years you have been invited to participate in the HOBY Conference at other city sites, so I am sure you have knowledge as to the purpose of HOBY and the goals this excellent organization has achieved. I have attached some information on the organization.

Bill Danforth is host of this year's Conference, and I am serving as one of the program committee members. The agenda session which we would appreciate your addressing is "Crime: An International Dilemma".

We propose to have panelists respond to and amplify your remarks. There will also be a question and answer period. The session begins at 8:00 A.M. CDT, and there will be about 250 persons in attendance, including the 180 young adult participants.

HOBY will be responsible for your travel expenses based on corporate contributions, and Emerson will make a corporate aircraft available to you so that your time commitment is minimized. Additional details and arrangements will be worked out as the Conference draws near.

We appreciate your consideration of this invitation and will be in touch to answer any questions and, hopefully, confirm your participation.

Best personal regards,

Charles F. Knight

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